

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN

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Isaiah 43: 16-21, Philippians 3: 8-14, John 8: 1-11

FOCUS: God invites us to savor the sweet taste of being set free in Christ.

In our Sunday readings during Lent, the Church weaves together New Testament readings with the Old Testament story of salvation. Today, the prophet Isaiah recalls a critical moment during the escape from Egypt when the Lord opened the sea, and the powerful Egyptian army was snuffed out. Now Isaiah gives God's message: Remember not the events of the past, I am doing something new!

Wait a minute! What is God saying here? This was one powerful event-by the time these words were written, the Israelites has passed this story down to their children for 500 years. Yet, God seems to be saying, "Forget that! That is old stuff! See, look at this new thing I am doing!"

And what is that new thing? It is setting people free from their sins through Jesus Christ. Maybe you are thinking, that's nice, but it is not as awesome as walls of water standing on either side while people walk through on dry land, or that final punch as the slave masters go down to destruction with the sea crashing down on them.

Not as awesome? Let's think about this. What happens in the Gospel today is just a tiny example of this new thing which God is announcing. The woman in the Gospel sinned. She was guilty. She was hauled before Jesus by a crowd of people who claimed the right to stone her to death under the accepted law of her culture. She had no legal defense. Standing before Jesus, she must have expected condemnation. She must have felt desperate and terrified, but Jesus refused to condemn her. He simply set her free, urging her to change her life. Do you think that, when she walked home that day, her feelings of relief were any less than those of the Israelites who had walked safely between the watery walls of the Red Sea? Do you think she was any less awed by what had happened to her?

Now she was just one person. Let's take her human sinfulness and the dark thoughts and feelings which went with it, and multiply them by the present population of the world. Say six billion times the pain and suffering which human sinfulness has caused.

Now, picture the kind, knowing eyes of Jesus looking into the faces of all those hurting people -looking into our faces-and saying, "I do not condemn you. You are free. Go. Just do not hurt yourself and each other anymore. "He says to us, Remember not the events of the past, I am doing something new! Yes, he certainly is.

Sin is powerful, making us slaves to a life we really do not want to live, but we cannot free ourselves. Through the willingness of Jesus to open the red sea of his own blood, he cleared our way to freedom. By his death on the cross, Jesus set us free from the slavery of sin and it will never entrap us again unless we let it.

As Catholics we can come to the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation, bringing the realization of our sinfulness, our grief over what we have done, and our resolution to stay free. Through the action of the priest, the Lord raises his hand over us. By the power of His cross, He sets us free, and He encourages us, "Go, and sin no more. "This is what Lent is about. We chew over the bitterness of our failings so that we may savor the sweet taste of grace. We confess our sins to our compassionate Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation so that in a very concrete, human way we experience his kind forgiveness. Then we can know fully what it feels like to be set free.

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SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF March 28, 2004

Mon – Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, John 8:12-20 (2nd choice, Lent cycle C)

Tue – Numbers 21: 4-9, John 8: 21-30

Wed – Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95, John 8: 31-42

Thurs—Genesis 17: 3-9, John 8: 51-59

Fri – Jeremiah 20: 10-13, John 10: 31-42

Saint Francis of Paola

Sat – Ezekiel 37: 21-28, John 11: 45-56

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 27 Mar 0900

Sat 27 Mar 1715

Sun 28 Mar 0900 Barbara Sullivan

Sun 28 Mar 1100 Parishioners of MHT

Mon 29 Mar 1205 Betty Stevenson

Tue 30 Mar 1205 Stanley Rutkowski

Wed 31 Mar 1205 Robert Muldowney (L)

Thurs 1 Apr 1205

Fri 2 Apr 1205 Irene and Rustico Gregorio

Sat 3 Apr 0900

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 547 Offering \$1,931.11

This weeks Designated Offering: Mar 20-21 will be for Sacred Heart.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR APR 3-4

1715 Cadet, T. Leszczynski, McDonald
0900 Cadet, Brain Moretti, Palka
1100 (2) Cadets, J. Vetter, Wardynski, Wigger,
Wolfe, Welch

USHERS FOR APR 3-4

1715 Volunteer, Zgonc
0900 Moretti, Massacci
1100 Jackson, Lebeidnik

ALTAR SERVERS APR 3-4

1100
0900
1100

LECTORS FOR APR 3-4

1715 Carmen Brick, John Shaffer
0900 Nicole Miller / Joe Palumbo
1100 Chris Miorin / Doug Wolfe

I have a question. Whom do I call?

Pastoral Coordinator Kate Hayden 938-8760

Chaplain's Assistant SPC Alexander 938-3721

Director Rel-Ed Kay Heppes... 938-8761

Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator...Lorraine Finn...932-2784

Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,

Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544

Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor.... Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721

Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

Father Paul Hurley 938-2784

RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Wednesday 1820 –1930 at MHT Chapel

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)

POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609

March 21 & 28 - 7-9 pm - Practices for the Passion Play

March 28 - God's TYM practice for "Passion Play" 7-9pm

April 4 - God's TYM practice for "Passion Play" 7-9pm

April 9 - Good Friday - God's TYM is presenting a

"Passion Play," 3 pm at Most Holy Trinity and 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to attend.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Sunday, April 4, 3PM, Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, Garrison. Presented by our catholic teen leaders. An inspirational afternoon for everyone.

SUNDAY SOCIALS

Your parish needs you-no experience required.

Call the Tiger's at 446-3254. Thanks, God Bless

Dates to Remember

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| <i>March 27</i> | RCIA retreat |
| <i>March 28</i> | Confirmation Catechetical Session VIII,
7:00PM, Cloister Room |
| <i>March 30</i> | Parish Reconciliation |
| <i>March 31</i> | Banner Making, Eucharist Parents, 7:00
PM, Cloister Room |

POC: "Ms. Kay" Heppes @ 938-8761, yc3921@usma.edu

Confirmation Class Service Project

Please support one of the service projects of the MHT 2004 Confirmation Class. This project is in support of the Newburgh ministry. Please donate personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shaving cream, etc.) that will be collected in a box in the back of the church. Point of contact for this project is Marie Naessens at 446-4973.

Easter Lilly Sale:

Main Street florist is offering to provide beautiful flowers for our chapel. You are invited to purchase a Lilly in memory of a loved one and have it delivered to NHT for Easter. Please call Lisa at 446-4749 for information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention Married Couples. Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Give yourselves time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities and a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **Upcoming dates:** **April 23 - 25, at the Comfort Inn, Nanuet, NY and June 11 - 13 at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls, NY.** To register or for more information, call: 718-707-1050, 914-378-5464, 845-635-8566 or 212-371-1000x3190

THE SEASON OF LENT & EASTER 2004 *Most Holy Trinity Parish Family*

Prayer: We are to seriously evaluate our prayer life during Lent. Hopefully, we will be persons who pray better on Easter Sunday!

Fasting: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast by limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Almsgiving: We invite you to check the bulletin for opportunities to help those who are less fortunate. Our parish participates in many outreach programs.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: Fridays 27 Feb- 2 Apr, Stations-1800 (6:00PM), Soup-1830 (6:30 PM) MHT

Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, 30 March 2004-1900(7:00PM) MHT Chapel Every Wednesday: Adoration & Confession: 1820-1925 (6:20-7:20PM) @ MHT

Palm Sunday: 4 April 04, Palms distributed at all Masses at MHT.

Triduum: Holy Thursday, 8 April 04, 1900 (7:00PM) Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2400 (12:00AM)

Good Friday, 9 April 04, 1900 (7:00PM) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1500 (3:00PM) Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 10 April 04, 2000 (8:00PM) Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 11 April, Easter Mass 0900 & 1100

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

Join us on the Fridays during Lent for Stations at 1800 and Soup & Bread at 1830. If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.

The Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of each month;

Booklist:

March: Holiness for Housewives: Vonzeller

April: Hail Holy Quenn : Hahn

May: House of Gold : MacFarlane

July: The Seven Story Mountain: Thomas Merton